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SUBJECT:SAMUEL PERSTEIN, FUNERAL PAYMENT

REF: LISBON 3571

1. SSA STATES THAT AS LIVING-IN-SAME-HOUSEHOLD-SPOUSE, MRS. REBECCA PERLSTEIN MUST BE SHOWN AS BENEFICIARY OF CHECK FOR LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFITS. THIS IS BUILT INTO THE LAW TO PROTECT WIDOWS.

2. ONLY SUGGESTION THAT DEPT CAN MAKE TO SOLVE IMPASSE WOULD BE FOR MRS. PERLSTEIN TO MAKE APPLICATION ON FORM SSA-8, (WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT POST), GIVING HER ADDRESS AS CARE CONSULAR SECTION, AND ALSO COMPLETE FORM TD-6570, POWER OF ATTORNEY BY INDIVIDUAL FOR COLLECTION OF A SPECIFIED CHECK DRAWN ON THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE BENEFIT OF THE FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR. FEDERAL BENEFITS UNIT COULD INTERCEPT CHECK AND GIVE IT TO FUNERAL DIRECTOR IN PAYMENT.

3. ONLY POSSIBLE PROBLEM IS THAT SAMUEL PERLSTEIN'S JUNE CHECK (DUE JULY 1) WILL ALREADY BE IN THE MILL, AND MUST UNCLASSIFIED

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RPT MUST BE RETURNED PROMPTLY TO TREASURY (WITH NOTIFICA-

TION TO SSA) SO THAT THE OVERPAYMENT WILL NOT BE DEDUCTED
FROM THE LUMPSUM DEATH BENEFITS CHECK. IF CHECK IS BEING
RECEIVED THROUGH AMEMBASSY LISBON, THERE SHOULD BE NO
PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IF CHECK BEING SENT TO US ADDRESS,
RECIPIENT MUST BE CAUTIONED TO RETURN IT TO SSA AT ONCE.
SSA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF PERLSTEIN'S DEATH BY VIRTUE
REFTEL, AND TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION STOP ANY OTHER
PAYMENTS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN OVERPAYMENT. KISSINGER

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